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SUBJ: KHARTOUM ASSASSINATIONS; COMMENTS OF HIGH COURT PRESIDENT

1. IN RESPONSE QUESTION JUNE 9, HIGH COURT PRESIDENT KHALAFALLA AL-RASHID CONFIRMED TO AMBASSADOR FINAL COURT SUMMATIONS IN BSO CASE SET FOR JUNE 15. KHALAFALLA SAID THREE-MAN COURT WOULD THEN DRAFT ITS DECISION WHICH WOULD BE READ IN OPEN COURT WEEK TO 10 DAYS THEREAFTER (I.E., JUNE 22-25). CASE WOULD THEN GO TO HIGH COURT FOR REVIEW, FOLLOWING WHICH IT WOULD BE REFERRED PRESIDENT NIMEIRI, BUT NEITHER OF THESE STAGES WOULD INVOLVE PUBLIC HEARINGS. AMBASSADOR DREW KHALAFALLA'S ATTENTION RECENT NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIAL NOTING GOS NOW HAS OPPORTUNITY SET AN EXAMPLE TO WORLD ON TERRORIST ISSUE.

2. BELGIAN CHARGE HAS SEPARATELY CONFIRMED THAT FONMIN MANSOUR KHALID COMMENCING OFFICIAL VISIT BRUSSELS JUNE 30 AND THAT GOB WOULD BE SPEAKING TO HIM RE NEED ASSURE APPROPRIATE PUNISHMENT BSO MURDERERS. CHARGE VOLUNTEERED GOB HAD RECENTLY MADE THIS POINT TO VISITING GOS MIN INDUSTRY BALLAL WHO HAD PASSED COMMENT ON TO NIMEIRI (WE NOTE IN THIS CONNECTION BEIRUT MUHARRIR AND AL-LIWA AP STORY QUOTING NIMEIRI AS DENYING ANY AGREEMENT WITH PALESTINIANS ON RELEASE; BEIRUT 6508 NOTAL).

3. COMMENT. DEPT MAY WISH INSTRUCT EMBASSY BRUSSELS ASSURE CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT GOB MAKES FULLEST USE FONMIN KHALID'S VISIT TO IMPRESS

ON HIM NEED FOR BSO TERRORISTS SERVE THEIR SENTENCES.

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